

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 96-212-W & 96-213-W - ORDER NO. 96-638

SEPTEMBER 11, 1996

IN RE: UPSTATE HEATER UTILITIES, INC.)	ORDER GRANTING
Application to Transfer Water)	EXTENSION,
Systems to South Carolina)	SEVERING HEARING,
Water and Sewer, LLC; and)	AND SETTING
HEATER UTILITIES, INC.)	PRE-FILE AND
Application to Transfer Water)	HEARING DATES
Systems to South Carolina)	
Water and Sewer, LLC.)	

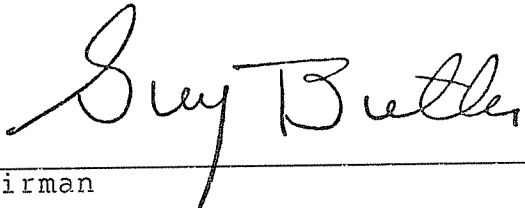
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Upstate Heater Utilities, Inc. (Upstate Heater or the Company), for a thirty (30) day extension on the hearing in this matter and for approval of its request that it be severed from the hearing for the sale of Heater Utilities under Docket No. 96-213-W. Upstate Heater states that there have been numerous persons and entities who have intervened in the Upstate Heater Utilities case. No such intervention has been received in Docket No. 96-213-W, which will consider the sale of Heater Utilities, Inc.

The Commission has examined this matter and agrees that, due to the differences that are becoming apparent between these two Dockets, an extension of the hearing date for Upstate Heater should be granted, and that the transfer of Heater Utilities, Inc., may be heard separate and apart from the

hearing on the transfer of Upstate Heater Utilities, Inc., and may be heard as presently scheduled. The two Dockets are hereby severed for hearing purposes.

Further, with regard to Upstate Heater, the Company and South Carolina Water and Sewer, LLC shall pre-file twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits with this Commission on or before **November 14, 1996**. All other parties shall pre-file twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits on or before **November 27, 1996**. Each party should serve all other parties with copies of testimony and exhibits. A night hearing in the service area will be held on **December 9, 1996, at 7:00 P.M.**, in the Historical (Old) Courthouse, 100 South Main Street, Anderson, South Carolina. The evidentiary hearing on the sale of Upstate Heater will be held in the offices of the Commission, 111 Doctors Circle, Columbia, South Carolina, commencing at **10:30 A.M. on December 12, 1996**.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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